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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Research and
Analysis for Africa
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Special Study of the Trans-
portation Systems of Southern Africa

1. In February of this year, you requested a special study in depth of the transportation systems of southern Africa. We have now completed a preliminary study in response to your request entitled, Economic and Strategic Capabilities and Vulnerabilities of the Transportation Systems of Southern Africa, dated 10 July 1963, and are enclosing 25 copies.

2. You will note in the Foreword of this study that other Offices of CIA have contributed to its preparation. The findings are considered to be preliminary, even though the statistical base is probably not too old to support the principal conclusions of the report. More current data, particularly on the Congo, will give us greater confidence in the findings, and make the study more useful for reference purposes. There is also a great need for current information on railroad freight rates and ocean freight rates, as applicable to the principal exports of various territories of southern Africa, and the impact of these rates on the competitive position of their exports in world markets.

3. A general up-dating of this study in the field, including comments on the various political, economic, and military estimates would be most valuable. Particular attention to the railroad and ocean freight rate aspects is required for definitive analysis. Undoubtedly INR and other headquarters components of the Department

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could also be of great assistance by reviewing and commenting on
the present draft.

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4. I suggest that [REDACTED] of this Office continue to
work with Mr. Lewis of your organization in bringing this prelimi-
nary study along to a more definitive state.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND REPORTS:

[REDACTED]
Chief, Economic Research Area

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Enclosures:

**25 copies, Economic and Strategic Capabilities and
Vulnerabilities of the Transportation Systems of
Southern Africa**

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